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STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERSS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Electrical Examiners

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

FIRST FLOOR PSC CONFERENCE ROOM

Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 02 April 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Creedon, President, Professional Member Bobby Murrian, Vice-President Officer, Professional Member Michael Travers, Continued Education, Professional Member Robert MacLennan, Professional Member Frank Beebe, Public Member Richard Millar, Public Member William Poore, Public Member

ABSENT

Thomas Hartley, Complaint Officer, Professional Member Nathan Schreppler, Board Secretary, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Maggie Strauss, Administrative Specialist II David Mangler, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

David Potter Fran Giannone
Joe Collins Norman Mickens
Robert Light Mario Castelli
Cameron Haughy Angelo Castelli
Jean Elliott Cheryl Heiks

Matthew O'Grady

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creeden called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. Poore, to approve the meeting minutes from February 5, 2014. The motion was unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

Proposal to Deny Hearing of Norman Mickens

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 09:02 and stated that today's meeting was a result of the proposal to deny the Journeyperson application of Norman Mickens. Board members were introduced and Mr. Maloney submitted as Board exhibit #1 the application of Mr. Mickens and all supporting documents. Mr. Mickens was sworn in.

Mr. Mickens addressed the Board concerning the charges on his criminal history. He ststed that the charges were all from his youth, that he lived a different lifestyle then. He went on to state that he hasn't been in trouble in over 20 years. He respectfully requested that the Board take into consideration that today's decision will determine his future livelihood.

The Board deliberations began at 09:08. After review of the application and supporting documents, the Board was satisfied with testimony provided by Mr. Mickens, and that the length of time having passed since his crimes was sufficient.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Beebe to approve the Journeyperson application of Norman Mickens and allow him to take the exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

The meeting went off record and adjourned at 09:10.

Proposal to Deny Hearing of Matthew O'Grady

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to add the PTD hearing of Matthew O'Grady to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 09:012 and stated that today's meeting was a result of the proposal to deny the Journeyperson application of Matthew O'Grady. Board members were introduced and Mr. Maloney submitted as Board exhibit #1 the application of Mr. O'Grady and all supporting documents. Mr. O'Grady was sworn in.

Mr. O'Grady addressed the Board concerning his application, and requested that they consider his testimony as well as that of 3 character witnesses he brought to the hearing. He stated that he has been off probation and out of trouble for the last 7 years.

Mr. O'Grady called his first witness, Fran Gianonne. Mr. Giannone stated that he is Mr. O'Grady's current supervisor and that during his 9 years of employment he has never had any problems or customer complaints with his work. He feels confident sending him into homes unsupervised.

Mr. O'Grady called his second witness, Mario Castelli. Mr. Castelli stated that he is the owner of WizeGuys in Newark and that Mr. O'Grady has provided service to both his business and residence. He feels comfortable having him in his home unsupervised and has never had any issues with his work in either location.

Mr. O'Grady called his third witness, Angelo Castelli. Mr. Castelli testified that Mr. O'Grady has provided electrical service to his business on several occasions. He has always maintained a polite and professional attitude. He would highly recommend him to anyone in need of electrical work.

The Board went into deliberations at 0920. After hearing testimony provided by the applicant as well as his character witnesses, the Board felt Mr. O'Grady was not a threat to public safety. A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to approve Mr. O'Grady to sit for the Journeyperson exam. The motion carried unanimously.

Re-Review of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the application of Richard A. Yates to sit for the Master Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

New Business

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the applications of: Rodger B. Pearce, Phillip E. Andrew, Matthew S. Bailey, John E. Gebhart and Matthew J. Carroll to sit for the Master Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to approve the applications of David Payton, Michael K. Jennings, Jmaes Burke and Christopher L. Huffman to sit for the Journeyperson Electricial exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the application of Matthew R. Schneiders to sit for the Limited Electrician examination. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Mr. Creedon recessed the meeting at 09:23 to finish the review of applications. The meeting reconvened at 09:32.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the Master Electrician application of Quenn V. Garris and Richard T. Lynch. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to propose to deny the Master Electrician application of Joseph M. Losito based on lack of experience and reciprocity qualifications. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to table the Master Electrician application of William D. Seufert pending receipt and review of his verification of employment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Journeyperson Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to table the applications of: Thomas D. Ecker, Michael J. Dixon, John A. Hayn, Kirk E. Schiller and Michael J. Baratucci pending receipt and review of apprentice hours or certificate of completion. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the applications for licensure of Frank E. Fresconi, Bryan D. Baker and Michael D. Baker. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Poore to approve the ratification of Apprentice Electrician applications of: Jameel R. Bolden, Sean M. Roberts, Matthew T. Wothers, Joseph R. Minnich, Demarcus D. Rivera, Michael C. Griffin, Jared T. Hammond,

Brendan W. Cooper, Steven A. Smoke, Jonathan E Bowman, Cody J. Hartmetz, Jonathan C Kistle, Richard J. Garner, Jr., Kyle R. Horn, Raymond A. George, Deandre L. Rogers-Jervey, Andrey Y. Khlistunov, Sean Morris and Kyle Joell. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Creedon to approve the ratification of Journeyperson Electrician applications of: Maurk A. Scarborough, Tilmon E. Gabbert, Chris J. Cotter, Kevin M. Doughtery, Christopher M. DeLia, Ryan L. White, Joseph A. Chiarelli, Ronald J. Seeney, Jr, Steven H. Robbins, William Ewing, Joseph R. Johnson, David F. Houseman, Jonathan M. Kondash, Glenn R. Cherry, Jr. and Corey L. Harrison. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. Beebe to approve the ratification of Master Electrician Special-Elevator applications of: Joseph E. Bush, Thomas M. Hinchman, Anthony Mongeluzi and John Quinn. The motion was unanimously carried.

<u>Applications for Review – Deputy Attorney General</u>

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Creedon, to approve the Apprentice application of Michael L. Harris. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Creedon, to propose to deny the Journeyperson Electrician application of Jeffrey J. Lloyd for having been convicted of crimes substantially related to the profession of electrical services. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Creedon to approve the Journeyperson application for Micah Gastineau to sit for the exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

Complaints Status

- 01-01-12-Assigned to Hearing Officer
- 01-02-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-04-12-Assigned
- 01-06-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-07-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-08-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-09-12-Assigned
- 01-12-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-16-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-18-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-21-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-22-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-24-12-Assigned
- 01-25-12-Office of Attorney General
- 01-03-13-Office of Attorney General
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- 01-26-13 Office of Attorney General
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- 01-29-13 Office of Attorney General
- 01-01-14 Assigned
- 01-02-14 Assigned
- 01-03-14 Assigned
- 01-05-14 Office of Attorney General
- 01-06-14 Office of Attorney General
- 01-07-14 Office of Attorney General
- 01-08-14 Assigned

Continued Education

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, second by Mr. MacLennan, to approve the requested continuing education courses as follows, and the motion was unanimously carried:

Construction Training Service - APPROVED

- (a) NEC NFPA-70-2014 Update 10 hours
- (b) NEC NFPA-70-2011 Update 10 hours

IUEC Local 5 - APPROVED CONTINGENT; RECEIPT OF TIMELINE

- (a) MCE iController and Motion 4000/2000 Training 4 hours
- (b) Peelle Freight Door Training 4 hours

The Electric Association of Philadelphia – **DENIED**; **NOT RELEVENT**

(a) Planning & Executing Design/Construction Projects – 8 hours

Computer Career Center d/b/a Vista College – APPROVED CONTINGENT: INSTRUCTOR RESUME

(a) NEC Code Changes 2011 – 4 hours (re-review)

Robert C. Auer, Jr. – <u>APPROVED CONTINGENT; TIMELINE & AGENDA</u> BREAKDOWN

- (a) NEC 2014 Code Changes 5 hours
- (b) Conductor Installation: Load Calculations 5 hours

NAEC - APPROVED

(a) Smartrise Engineering Technical Training – 8 hours

George V. Landing, Sr. - APPROVED

(a) A purview of the 2014 NEC Part I; Chapters 1 - 4 - 5 hours

Electric League of Maryland - APPROVED

(a) Understanding NEC Requirements for Grounding & Bonding 2014 – 10 hours

Signing of Final Board Orders

The Final Orders for: Peter J. Thursby, Brian P. Smith, Keith Steele, Niaz Mian were signed by the Board members.

Review & Discussion of Recommendations of Hearing Officer

N/A

Review of Rules and Regulations

The Board first addressed Rule 6.0; License and Insurance. Mr. Maloney advised the Board that the best option would be to remove the 2nd & 3rd lines of 6.1 and combine the verbiage from 6.2. A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, second by Mr. Murrian to add the regulation revision to the already pending list. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, second by Mr. Murrian to add "5 years" to rule 11.2 line 4 and add the proposed change to the pending list of regulation changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Crimes List

A motion was made by Mr. Poore, second by Mr. Travers to table the review of crimes for further analysis by the Board members and DAG. The DAG will present any new additions for consideration at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Prometric Scores

The Board reviewed the scores received from the February Electrical exam. Mr. Mangler was present to address the Board on new developments between DPR and Prometric. He stated that there is now an open line of communication through monthly conference calls as well as point-of-contact information provided to DPR. Mr. Mangler went on to state that he voiced his concern over the lack of available test dates provided by Prometric for 2014, as well as the proximity of those dates as they correspond to approval, US postal service and turnaround time for candidates. He further stated that we will be reviewing a list of available test provided by the company and how they correspond to the license types we offer. Ms. Strauss also gathered a list of questions and concerns from the Board for Mr. Mangler to present to Prometric at the next scheduled teleconference.

Mr. Creedon recessed the meeting at 1040 to allow for a 10 minute break. The meeting reconvened at 1049.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Creedon read a letter to the Board from David Potter of DuPont. Mr. Potter was also in attendance, so he was able to address the Board while his inquiry was being presented. The Board advised Mr. Potter that all apprentice programs are approved through the Dept. of Labor, and went on to explain the approval process.

Mr. Creedon read a letter from John Riley regarding obtaining a Master electrician license in DE through reciprocity.

Mr. Creedon read a letter from Kathy Beauchamp in which she inquired about corporation's obligations regarding employees.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bob White of Flexera Solar Company addressed the Board regarding concerns he has within his company. He wanted clarification to ensure his employees were following the regulations set forth by the Board. An explanation was provided to Mr. White that satisfied his inquiry.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 2, 2014 at 08:30 Cannon Building 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, Conference Room A, 2nd floor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. MacLennan, to adjourn the meeting at 1125. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Strauss

Administrative Specialist II